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SUBJ: WFP NEWSLETTER NO. 8 DATED 21 SEPTEMBER.

/PARIS FOR RAICHT, BRUSSELS FOR MARTIN/

1. NEWSLETTER LARGELY CONFINED TO RAINFALL DATA AND ANALYSIS.

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION THROUGH AUGUST BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

BUT TOTAL PRECIPITATION NO BETTER EXCEPT IN LOWEST RAINFALL

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ZONES WHICH STILL ONLY 57 0/0 NORMAL AGAIST 46 0/0 IN 1972.

CONCLUSION: UNLESS UNEXPECTEDLY FAVORABLE LATER PRECIPITATION, NORTHERN PART OF ZONE GENERALLY AS BAD OFF AS THIS YEAR, WITH MAURITANIA AND NIGER HARDEST HIT. GENERALLY BETTER DAILY AND WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION GIVES SOME PROMISE FOR AREA AS WHOLE IF SEPTEMBER RAINS ARE GOOD.

2. ON FOOD SUPPLY, TOTAL TONNAGE COMMITTED REMAINS ABOVE THE 527,000, EXCLUSIVE US FY-74 ALLOCATION 100,000 TONS. BY MID-SEPTEMBER 479,000 OR OVER 90 0/0 ARRIVED IN PORT OF WHICH 54,000 STILL THERE, PARTICULARLY FOR MALI 42 THOUSAND AND UPPER VOLTA 12 THOUSAND. EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BY END OCTOBER, EXCLUSIVE US FIRST QUARTER ALLOCATION, 48,000 MAINLY FROM CANADA, EEC AND MEMBER COUNTRIES (PLUS SUBSTANTIAL PORTION NEW US ALLOCATION) OF WHICH FOR MAURITANIA 7,500; SENEGAL 5,000; UPPER VOLTA 5,500; NIGER 11,000; CHAD 15,000; GAMBIA 4,000. VOLPE

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